

FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE.

SKETCHES

OF

LEGISLATORS

AND

STATE OFFICERS

1876-1878.

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FORTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT.

*County.*—Collin.

REPRESENTATIVE ED. CHAMBERS was born in August, 1815, in Tennessee ; was educated in Wilson county in that State ; came to Texas in 1856, and settled in Collin county, where he now owns a large planting interest.

Mr. Chambers was once a Whig, but has

long affiliated closely with Democrats. He was a Whig member of the Tennessee House of Representatives in 1845-6; was member elect of the convention that passed the ordinance of secession for Texas; was opposed to secession on the ground of policy, but, holding to the doctrine of State's rights, went with Texas in secession, and did all he could to promote the success of the Southern cause. He was a member of the Texas House of Representatives in 1866, and again in 1873; was a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1875, and now holds a seat in the lower house of the Fifteenth Legislature; was the Democratic nominee, and was elected by eleven hundred majority.

Mr. Chambers is nearly 61 years old, but looks young, and is yet full of intellectual and bodily vigor. He resides, with his interesting family, in Collin county.